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PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

System and Method for Accessing Different Types of Back End Data Stores

the specification of which (check one)

_____ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on 04 April 2003
as Application Serial No. PCT/EP 03/03529_____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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